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APRIL 18, 2006

The City of Culver City has requested the use of the vacant Culver City Courthouse. It is the City's intention to enter into an agreement with the Western States Black Research and Educational Center. The Center, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, is the parent organization of the Mayme Clayton Library and maintains the Clayton Collection, which is the largest and most substantial assemblage of rare books, documents, manuscripts, films, music, photographs and memorabilia on African American culture and history in the Western United States. The Center intends to use this vacant facility for the purpose of cataloguing, displaying and sharing the collection with the public to promote a more complete understanding of American history.

Since its closure in 2004, the Culver City Courthouse has remained vacant. While no agreement has been reached with the State Judicial Counsel regarding whether the courthouse will be transferred under the Trial Court Facilities Transfer legislation, the State has agreed that the County may enter into an interim lease with a

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third party. If it is later determined that the State does not want the property, the County may sell it at fair market value, and the City has expressed an interest in purchasing the property for its long-term use.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD:

1. Make a finding that the property located at 4130 Overland Avenue in the City of Culver City is not required for and is surplus to any present or foreseeable County needs.
2. Authorize the Chief Administrative Office to negotiate and execute a gratis lease to the City, including a clause which would grant to the City a first right of refusal to purchase the property for its fair market value if, and at such time as, the County is able to sell the property.
3. Find that a lease with an option to purchase the property to the City is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to 14 C.C.R. §§ 15301 and/or 15312 and Class 12 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines.

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